AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION BESSEMER, MICHIGAN

December 31, 2005

Auditing Pr	rocedures Repo	ort					
Local Government Type City Townst	hip \square Village $\overline{f X}$ Other	Local Governmen	t Name COUNTY ROAD COM	MISSION	Gour GO	GEBIC	
Audit Date DECEMBER 31,	2005 Opinion Date JUNE 20, 20		Date Accountant Report Subm	itted to State:			
We have audited the accordance with the Financial Statements	financial statements of this Statements of the Governr for Counties and Local Units	local unit of go mental Accour	overnment and rendered	(GASB) and t	he <i>Uniform</i>	Report	
We affirm that: 1. We have complied	ed with the <i>Bulletin for the Aud</i>	dits of Local Ur	nits of Government in Mi	<i>chigan</i> as revis	ed.		
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·	following. "Yes" responses ha	·	·	ements, includi	ng the note	s, or in t	he report of
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Yes X No 4	4. The local unit has violate requirements, or an order				the Munici	pal Fina	nce Act or its
Yes X No 5	5. The local unit holds depo as amended [MCL 129.91				requireme	ents. (P.A	۹. 20 of 1943
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Yes X No 7	The local unit has violate 7. pension benefits (normal credits are more than the	costs) in the c	urrent year. If the plan	is more than 1	00% funde	d and th	ne overfunding
Yes X No 8	3. The local unit uses credi (MCL 129.241).	it cards and h	as not adopted an app	licable policy a	as required	by P.A.	. 266 of 1995
Yes X No 9	9. The local unit has not ado	pted an investr	ment policy as required t	y P.A. 196 of	1997 (MCL	129.95).	
We have enclosed th	ne following:			Enclosed	To B		Not Required
The letter of commen	ts and recommendations.						X
Reports on individual	federal financial assistance p	orograms (prog	ram audits).				Х
Single Audit Reports ((ASLGU).						Х
Certified Public Accountant Joki, Makela & Po							
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Board of Commissioners Gogebic County Road Commission Bessemer, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of Gogebic County Road Commission, a component unit of Gogebic County, Michigan, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2005, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Commission's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities of Gogebic County Road Commission as of December 31, 2005, and the changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 20, 2006, on our consideration of Gogebic County Road Commission's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison schedule on pages 5 through 11 and page 33 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We

have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying financial information listed in the table of contents as Other Financial Information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of Gogebic County Road Commission. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Joki, Makala & Pollack, PLLC

Certified Public Accountants

Ironwood, Michigan June 20, 2006

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Year ended December 31, 2005

Management's Discussion and Analysis

This section of the Gogebic County Road Commission's (Commission) annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Commission's financial performance during the year ended December 31, 2005. It is to be read in conjunction with the Commission's financial statements, which immediately follow. This is a requirement of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34 (GASB 34) Basic Financial Statements – and Managements Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments and is intended to provide the financial results for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2005.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Government-wide financial statements appear first in the financial report. These financial statements include the statement of net assets and the statement of activities. They report information about the Commission as a whole. The statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting which is the accounting used by most private sector businesses. The statement of net assets includes all of the Commission's assets and liabilities. All current year revenues and expenses are reported in the statement of activities. The two statements report the governmental activities of the Commission that include all services performed by the Commission. These activities are funded by Michigan Transportation Fund monies, local charges for services and federal and state grants.

The statement of net assets shows the Commission's assets and liabilities. The corresponding balance between the assets and liabilities equals the net assets or deficit of the Commission. A deficit occurs when there are more liabilities than there are assets to pay those liabilities. This statement measures the financial strength of the Commission; the greater the net asset figure, the healthier the financial position of the Commission generally is. It helps management determine if the Commission will be able to fund current obligations and whether they have resources available for future use.

The statement of activities shows the current year change in net assets on a revenue less expenditure basis. It generally shows the operating results for a given year of the Commission. Any excess of revenues over expenditures results in a surplus for the year that in turn increases the net assets (or reduces a deficit) available to fund future needs of the Commission.

Fund Financial Statements

The Commission's fund financial statements show detail of funds that are determined to be significant, called major funds. The Commission has only one fund. That fund is a special revenue fund, which is the major governmental fund. The Commission has no nonmajor funds.

Governmental funds are accounted for by the modified accrual method of accounting (flow of current financial resources measurement focus). This method records revenues when all applicable eligibility requirements are met and resources are available to finance expenditures of the fiscal period. Expenditures are recorded when the related liability is incurred. The governmental fund financial statements show the detail of operations for a given year according to this method of accounting. This is similar to how the Commission reported their finances in the past. The individual fund statements help management determine what financial resources are available on a short-term basis to fund operations.

Since the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements use different methods of accounting to report the Commission's financial condition, a reconciliation is included in the financial statements showing the differences between the two types of statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements - Condensed Financial Information

Statement of Net Assets

The following is a December 31, 2005 and 2004, condensed statement of net assets with a detailed analysis of the statement below.

			Governmen Decem	
			<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
A	ASSETS			
Current Assets:				
Cash Investments Accounts receivable Inventories Other current assets		\$	182 742,850 821,868 547,982 47,076	\$ 409 1,109,785 746,607 498,648 23,753
Т	otal Current Assets	\$	2,159,958	\$ 2,379,202
Noncurrent Assets - Capital assets, net of allowances s 2005 - \$5,437,415; 2004 - \$5,5		_	7,217,283	 5,465,215
	Total Assets	\$	9,377,241	\$ 7,844,417

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Government-wide Financial Statements - Condensed Financial Information (Continued)

Statement of Net Assets (Continued)

		Governmen Decen		
		<u>2005</u>		<u>2004</u>
	LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable Other current liabilities Advances Deferred revenue		\$ 15,037 130,182 225,175 410,257	\$	29,018 97,764 199,399 407,958
Long-term liabilities	Total Current Liabilities	\$ 780,651 320,344	\$	734,139 313,372
	Total Liabilities	\$ 1,100,995	\$	1,047,511
	NET ASSETS			
Investment in capital assets Unrestricted		\$ 7,217,283 1,058,963	\$	5,465,215 1,331,691
	Total Net Assets	\$ 8,276,246	<u>\$</u>	6,796,906

The Commission's net assets are \$8,276,246 at December 31, 2005. Capital assets are \$7,217,283. This figure is derived by taking the original costs of the Commission's assets and subtracting allowances for depreciation to date. The Commission had no debt related to fixed assets at December 31, 2005 or 2004.

The unrestricted net assets total \$1,058,963 as of December 31, 2005. This is the net accumulated results of past years' operations.

Statement of Activities

The results of operations for the Commission as a whole are reported in the statement of activities. This statement reports the changes in net assets for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004.

Statement of Activities (Continued)

		Governmen Year ended 2 2005	
Revenues -			
Program Revenues:			
Charges for services		\$ 1,000,264	\$ 898,114
Operating grants and entitle		3,607,376	3,730,515
Capital grants and contribu	tions	 2,272,086	 1,984,073
		\$ 6,879,726	\$ 6,612,702
General Revenues:			
Interest		\$ 24,768	\$ 9,802
Gain on asset disposals		42,644	109,666
		\$ 67,412	\$ 119,468
Functions/Program Expenses -	Total Revenues	\$ 6,947,138	\$ 6,732,170
Public works		 5,467,798	 5,447,681
	Increase in Net Assets	\$ 1,479,340	\$ 1,284,489

The Commission had an overall increase in net assets of \$1,479,340 for the year ended December 31, 2005.

The Commission's revenues totaled \$6,947,138. Of this amount, \$629,060 or 9% were from federal grants. The federal grants were passed-through the State of Michigan and included Surface Transportation Funds, Federal "D" Funds and Emergency Relief Funds. Emergency Relief funds were used to reconstruct roads damaged by a flood that occurred in May of 2002. All of these revenues are included in the capital grants revenue category and were used to enhance the County road system.

State grants totaled \$2,789,771, or 40% of total revenues. The major source of state grants are monies from the Michigan Transportation Fund. These are gas tax revenues that are returned to counties for road maintenance. Other state grants received include snow removal funds, forest road funds and state "D" funds. These revenues are split between operating grants and capital grants depending on what the monies are earmarked for.

The other major portion of revenues is rental income. The Commission charges rents based on approved State of Michigan, Department of Transportation rates to all of the projects they incur expenses on during the year. The rents are spread across all of the projects and the funding sources for the projects are charged for those costs. Rents totaled \$1,614,650 or 23% of total revenues. The revenues are categorized as operating grants and capital grants.

Statement of Activities (Continued)

The Commission's total cost to fund all governmental activities was \$5,467,798. All of these costs were for road and bridge construction or reconstruction or maintenance on the road system in Gogebic County. The amount totaled \$5,447,681 for the prior year. This amount fluctuates from year to year based on project funding levels and the scope of work performed on various projects.

Fund Financial Statements

The governmental fund financial statements report the Commission's finances similar to how they have been reported in previous years. The Commission has a fund balance of \$1,379,307 at December 31, 2005. This was a decrease of \$265,756 from last year. Total expenditures were \$5,078,226. Salaries and wages paid to employees totaled \$1,659,943 or 33% of total expenditures and related fringes were \$1,120,782 or 22% of the total. Capital outlay purchases totaled \$322,213 and included three pick-up trucks, two tandem trucks and accessories, a front-end loader and various shop and office equipment.

Budgetary Comparison Schedules - Variance Analysis

The significant budget variances of the Commission for year-end December 31, 2005, included the following:

Original Budget to Final Budget	Original <u>Budget</u>		Final Budget	•	Variance
REVENUES					
State aid - Motor Vehicle Funds	\$ 2,579,00	00 \$ 2	2,517,110	\$	(61,890)
County raised and other revenues	1,116,10		1,235,945		119,844
EXPENDITURES					
Primary roads	1,813,22	20 1	1,955,000		(141,780)
Local roads	1,582,98	36 1	1,325,000		257,986
State trunkline maintenance	680,00	00	745,500		(65,500)
State trunkline nonmaintenance	20,00	00	85,000		(65,000)
Equipment expense - net	(660,00	00)	(506,000)		(154,000)
Capital outlay - net	220,00	00	287,000		(67,000)

The State aid Motor Vehicle Funds revenues were less than originally anticipated due to a reduction in funding determined at the State level. Less purchases of gasoline because of high gas prices around the State was the leading factor in the reduction.

Budgetary Comparison Schedules - Variance Analysis (Continued)

County raised and other revenues variance was \$119,844. Revenues for trunkline maintenance and nonmaintenance were higher than anticipated due to the scope of projects done during the year and increases in costs charged such as fuel. A corresponding variance was encountered in the expenditures for both trunkline maintenance and nonmaintenance.

The primary road expenditure budget variance was \$141,780 while the local road had a variance of \$257,986. When the original budget was adopted for December 31, 2005, the Commission had a tentative plan of which projects would be completed in 2006. This is done five to six months prior to the construction season. As the year progresses, changes are made to the project schedules based on priority and safety issues. As the location and scope of work changes, so do the expenditure categories.

The equipment expense – net variance of \$154,000 was caused by equipment rental use being less than originally anticipated and costs to maintain equipment increased.

The capital outlay – net variance of \$67,000 was due to charges for depreciation increasing during the year.

The initial budget for the December 31, 2005 year-end was adopted by the Commission on December 20, 2004, with the final amendments made on December 12, 2005.

Final Budget to Actual

	Final Budget	<u>Actual</u>	Variance
EXPENDITURES			
Primary roads	\$ 1,955,000	\$ 2,293,993	\$ (338,993)
Local roads	1,325,000	1,586,434	(261,434)
Services provided	891,500	952,770	(61,270)
Equipment expense - net	(506,000)	(65,923)	(440,077)
Administrative expense - net	136,400	311,117	(174,717)

The Commission overspent in various expenditure categories during the year and these items are reported as budget violations in our supplemental report. Included as a separate line item in the budget for the year ended December 31, 2005 was a distributive expense category. For financial statement purposes, these costs are spread to projects and are reported in the respective expenditure categories.

Capital Assets

At December 31, 2005 the Commission had \$7,217,283 invested in capital assets. This amount increased during the past fiscal year by \$1,752,068, consisting of additions totaling \$2,272,086 and depreciation charges of \$520,018. The additions included three pick-up trucks, two tandem trucks and accessories, a front-end loader and various shop and office equipment totaling \$322,213 and infrastructure additions of \$1,949,873. The infrastructure capitalized includes various road construction and reconstruction completed in 2005 that meets the State of Michigan Department of Transportation guidelines for capitalization. The Commission was given the option of reporting infrastructure on a prospective basis and chose to do so beginning with projects completed during 2003.

Debt

The Commission had \$320,344 of long-term liabilities at December 31, 2005. The entire amount is for accrued vacation and sick benefits payable to employees. The liability for vacation and sick benefits will not be relieved until the benefits are paid out to employees.

Future Considerations

With the State of Michigan, federal government and the local county, city and township governments facing financial crisis and spending issues, the funding for construction and maintenance projects are in the hands of the state, federal and local governments. The level of work the Road Commission performs is based on this revenue. A union contract, which covers approximately 80% of the Road Commission workforce, expired on December 31, 2005 and a new agreement has not yet been reached.

Contacting the Commission

If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Manager at the Gogebic County Road Commission, Courthouse Annex, Bessemer, MI 49911.

BASIC
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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

December 31, 2005

	ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS Cash		\$	182 742,850
Investments Accounts receivable: State of Michigan			813,604 8,264
Due from other governmental units Inventories: Equipment parts and materials			300,300 247,682
Road materials Prepaid insurance			47,076
	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 2	2,159,958
NON CURRENT ASSETS Capital assets Less allowances for depreciation			2,654,698 5,437,415)
-	TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	\$	7,217,283
	TOTAL ASSETS	\$	9,377,241
	LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES Accounts payable Salaries, wages and related benefits Due to State of Michigan Advances:		\$	15,037 91,642 38,540
Private driveway plowing State trunkline equipment purchase State trunkline maintenance Deferred revenue			48,803 113,875 62,497 410,257
	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$	780,651
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES - Vacation and sick benefits			320,344
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$</u>	1,100,995
	NET ASSETS		
Investment in capital assets Unrestricted			7,217,283 1,058,963
	TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$	8,276,246
The accompanying notes are an integral part financial statements.	of the		

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Year ended December 31, 2005

GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS - Program expenses - Public works: Primary road maintenance Local road maintenance Services provided Equipment expense Net administrative expense Net compensated absences Depreciation expense		\$ 942,731 987,823 952,770 1,746,367 311,117 6,972 520,018
	TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$5,467,798
Program revenues: Federal Aid State Aid Contributions from local units Charges for services Rents Other		\$ 629,060 2,789,771 325,963 1,000,264 1,614,650 520,018
	TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUES	\$6,879,726
	NET PROGRAM REVENUES	\$1,411,928
GENERAL REVENUES: Interest Gain on asset disposals		\$ 24,768 <u>42,644</u>
	TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	\$ 67,412
	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR	\$1,479,340
NET ASSETS - January 1, 2005		6,796,906
NET ASSETS - December 31, 2005		\$8,276,246

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

December 31, 2005

	ASSETS			
Cash Investments Accounts receivable:			\$	182 742,850
State of Michigan Due from other governmental units Inventories:				813,604 8,264
Equipment parts and materials Road materials Prepaid insurance				300,300 247,682 47,076
			<u>\$</u>	2,159,958
	LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Accounts payable Salaries, wages and related benefits Due to State of Michigan Advances:			\$	15,037 91,642 38,540
Private driveway plowing State trunkline equipment purchase State trunkline maintenance Deferred revenue				48,803 113,875 62,497 410,257
		TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	780,651
Unreserved fund equity				1,379,307
			\$	2,159,958

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET WITH THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

December 31, 2005

Total fund equity of the governmental fund

\$ 1,379,307

Amounts reported for the governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Additions:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds.

The cost of the capital assets is Allowance for depreciation is \$ 12,654,698

_(5,437,415) 7,217,283

Reductions:

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in governmental funds.

Accrued vacation and sick benefits

(320,344)

Total net assets of governmental activities

\$ 8,276,246

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Year ended December 31, 2005

Total revenues		\$4,812,470
Total expenditures		5,078,226
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures		\$ (265,756)
Fund balance at January 1, 2005		1,645,063
	FUND BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2005	\$1,379,307

STATEMENT OF REVENUES - GOVERNMENTAL FUND - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Year ended December 31, 2005

		Budget	Actual	Fa	ariance vorable avorable)
Federal Aid: Surface Transportation funds Federal "D" funds Emergency Relief funds			\$ 284,673 122,460 221,927		
State Aid: Michigan Transportation Fund: Engineering Primary road Local road Primary urban road Local urban road		\$ 599,000	\$ 10,000 1,520,613 663,781 36,099 7,068	\$	30,060
Snow removal			296,110		
Economic Development Fund: State "D" funds Forest Road funds		\$ 2,517,110 \$ 64,610 200,000 \$ 264,610 \$ 2,781,720	\$ 2,533,671 \$ 56,100	\$ \$ \$	16,561 (8,510) (8,510) 8,051
County raised and other revenues: Contributions from: Cities Townships Charges for services: State trunkline maintenance State trunkline nonmaintenance Private driveway plowing Other	ce		\$ 5,492 320,471 774,906 85,084 135,729 4,545		
Interest and dividends earned			24,768		
Gain on asset disposals			42,644		
		1,296,945	\$ 1,393,639		96,694
	TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 4,677,665</u>	<u>\$ 4,812,470</u>	\$	134,805

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - GOVERNMENTAL FUND - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Year ended December 31, 2005

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Primary road: Preservation - structural improvements Maintenance		\$1,351,262 938,340	
Primary road structures - maintenance		4,391	
Local road:	\$1,955,000	\$2,293,993	\$ (338,993)
Preservation - structural improvements Maintenance Local road structures - maintenance		\$ 598,611 972,052 15,771	
Services provided: State trunkline maintenance State trunkline nonmaintenance Private driveway plowing	1,325,000	\$1,586,434 \$731,957 85,084 135,729	(261,434)
Equipment expense - net: Direct Indirect Operating Less equipment rental	891,500	\$ 952,770 \$ 793,744 531,933 223,050 (1,614,650)	(61,270)
Administrative expenses - net: Administrative expense Less: Handling charges Overhead - state trunkline maintenance Purchase discounts Other	(506,000)	\$ (65,923) \$ 400,638 (6,083) (82,759) (598) (81)	(440,077)
	136,400	\$ 311,117	(174,717)

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - GOVERNMENTAL FUND - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)

		Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Distributive expenses		1,203,000		1,203,000
Capital outlay - net: Capital outlay Less depreciation			\$ 322,213 (322,378)	
		287,000	\$ (165)	287,165
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,291,900	\$5,078,226	\$ 213,674

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

December 31, 2005

Total net change in fund balance - governmental fund

\$ (265,756)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Capital outlays to purchase or construct capital assets are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. For governmental activities, those costs are shown in the statement of net assets and allocated over their estimated useful lives as annual depreciation expenses in the statement of activities. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeds depreciation expense in the period.

Depreciation expense

\$ (520,018)

Capital outlays

2,272,086

1,752,068

In the statement of activities, operating expenses for compensated absences are measured by amounts earned during the year while the governmental funds report expenditures as amounts are paid. This year the amount paid for compensated absences was less than the amount earned by \$6,972.

(6,972)

Change in net assets of governmental activities

\$ 1,479,340

NOTES TO
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

December 31, 2005

NOTE A - REPORTING ENTITY

Gogebic County Road Commission (the Commission) was established pursuant to the County Road Law (MCL 224.1) and is governed by a three member Board of County Road Commissioners appointed by the County Board of Commissioners. The Commission may not issue debt without the County's approval, and property tax levies are subject to County Board of Commissioners' approval.

The criteria established by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, "The Financial Reporting Entity" for determining the reporting entity includes oversight responsibility, fiscal dependency and whether the financial statements would be misleading if the component unit data were not included. Based on the above criteria, these financial statements present only Gogebic County Road Commission, a discretely presented component unit of Gogebic County, Michigan.

The Road Commission General Operating Fund is used to control the expenditures of Michigan Transportation Fund monies distributed to the County, which are earmarked by law for street and highway purposes. The Board of County Road Commissioners is responsible for the administration of the Road Commission General Operating Fund.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of Gogebic County Road Commission conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant policies:

Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities) report information on all of the activities of the Commission. The activities of the Commission are considered to be governmental activities.

The government-wide financial statements report all financial and capital assets, short and long-term liabilities, revenues, expenses, gains and losses using the economic resource measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. All revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred.

The Statement of Activities reports net cost information based on the Commission's functions. Direct expenses are listed by function with program revenues for each function offset against those expenses. The Commission has one function, public works, and its program revenues are generated from charges for services, operating grants and contributions and capital grants.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fund-based Financial Statements

Separate financial statements are provided on the basis of funds, which are considered separate fiscal and accounting entities. The Commission has only one fund. That fund is a special revenue fund which is the major governmental fund.

Governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting and the flow of expendable financial resources (measurement focus). Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenue is recognized when the revenue is subject to accrual, eligibility requirements are met and the revenues are available to finance expenditures of the fiscal period. Revenue is considered available when the revenue has been collected in the current period or soon enough after the end of the period to use to pay current fund liabilities. The Commission considers revenues to be available if collected within 60 days of the end of the period. Expenditure-based grants are recognized as revenue when revenue is available, the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been met. Expenditures, if measurable, are recorded when they have used or are expected to use current expendable financial resources.

Investments

Investments are stated for financial-statement purposes at their fair market value.

Accounts Receivable

The Road Commission grants credit to customers for various types of services performed. Included among its customers are federal, state and local units of government. The direct charge-off method is used for recognizing uncollectible accounts. All accounts deemed to be uncollectible as of the end of the year are charged off as an expenditure. The effects of using this method approximate those of the allowance method.

Inventories

Inventories are priced at cost as determined by the moving average method, except for stockpiled road materials, which are priced at the 2005 average unit production cost. Inventory items are charged to road construction, equipment maintenance, repairs and operations as they are used.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets include land, buildings, equipment and infrastructure and are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets is defined by the Commission as assets with an acquisition cost of more than \$1,000 with an estimated useful life of at least four years. Assets costing less than \$1,000 are capitalized if they have an equipment rental rate as determined by the State of Michigan. Assets meeting this criteria are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical costs if the amount is not known. Any donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

GASB 34 requires major networks of infrastructure assets acquired, constructed or substantially rehabilitated to be capitalized and depreciated. The Commission has capitalized the current year infrastructure as required by GASB 34 and has reported the infrastructure in the Statement of Net Assets. The Commission had the option to report infrastructure prospectively and has chosen to do so beginning with projects completed in 2003.

The costs of capital assets are charged to expense using an annual allocation of depreciation expense. The expense is recorded in the Government-wide Statement of Activities and included as a direct expense of an identifiable function if the assets sole purpose can be identified as being for that function.

The capital assets are depreciated using the sum-of-the-years-digits method for road equipment and straight-line method for all other fixed assets over the useful lives as established by the Uniform Accounting Procedures Manual for Michigan County Road Commissions. It is the Commission's policy to take no depreciation in the year of completion for infrastructure assets. The lives are summarized as follows:

Buildings	30-50 years
Road equipment	5-8 years
Shop equipment	10 years
Engineering department	4-10 years
Office equipment	4-10 years
Infrastructure – Roads	8-30 years
Infrastructure - Bridges	12-50 years

Investment in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt

The portion of net assets of the Commission that consists of capital assets, net of allowances for depreciation and reduced by any long-term liabilities attributable to the acquisition of those assets is reported as investment in capital assets, net of related debt. There were no long-term liabilities associated with these assets at December 31, 2005.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Unrestricted Net Assets

Net assets not meeting the criteria above are considered unrestricted.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Budgetary Procedures

Budgetary procedures are established pursuant to PA 621 of 1978, as amended, (MCL 141.421) which requires the Board of County Road Commissioners to approve a budget for the County Road Fund. Prior to January 1, the Road Commission's chief administrative officer prepares and submits a proposed operating budget to the Board of County Road Commissioners for their review and consideration. The Board of County Road Commissioners conducts a public budget hearing and subsequently adopts the operating budget. The budget is adopted on a functional level. The Board of County Road Commissioners has authorized the chief administrative officer to amend the operating budget, when necessary, by transferring up to 20% from one line item to another. The operating budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended, by the Board of County Road Commissioners. The budget lapses on December 31.

NOTE C - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash is deposited with the Gogebic County Treasurer, the depository agent for cash balances of the various funds of Gogebic County. The County Treasurer combines cash balances for investment purposes. A detailed accounting of cash balances allocable to the various funds is maintained.

Deposits and investments were made in accordance with State of Michigan statutes and under authorization of the County Board of Commissioners. State of Michigan statutes authorize investments in: direct obligations of the United States or an agency of the United States; banks which are members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the three highest classifications established by no fewer than two standard rating services; United States government or agency obligation repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptances of United States banks; certain mutual funds and certain common stocks.

NOTE C - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The Road Commission uses an imprest system with zero balances for its accounts payable and payroll checking accounts. The portion of these two accounts covered by FDIC insurance cannot be determined because the accounts are among several Gogebic County accounts in the same local bank. The investment balance reflected on the balance sheet of the General Operating Fund is represented by deposits included in Gogebic County's common municipal investment mutual fund accounts with all transfers to the accounts payable and payroll accounts approved by the Gogebic County's Board of Commissioners. Required information related to the investments may be found in Note F – Cash and Investment Information of the County's separately issued Audited Financial Statements.

NOTE D - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-term liabilities of the Road Commission is summarized as follows:

		_	alance at anuary 1, 2005	<u>Ne</u>	t Change		Balance at ecember 31, 2005
Long-Term Liabilities: Vacation benefits Sick leave benefits		\$	92,811 220,561	\$	(96) 7,068	\$	92,715 227,629
	TOTALS	\$	313,372	\$	6,972	<u>\$</u>	320,344

None of the balance is considered a current liability.

Vacation Benefits

Road Commission employment policies provide for vacation benefits to be earned in varying amounts depending on the number of years of service and pay rates of the employee. Benefits earned by each employee in the current calendar year are to be paid to the employee in subsequent calendar years.

Sick Leave Benefit Policies

Road Commission employment policies provide that each full-time employee shall earn one day of sick leave credit for each month of service. Sick leave credits may be accumulated to a maximum of 120 days. Payment of 60% of accumulated benefits will be made when an employee takes a normal retirement; payment of 50% will be made when an employee dies or is discharged or laid off; and payment of 25% will be made to an employee who voluntarily separates from employment with the Road Commission.

NOTE E - CAPITAL ASSETS

Following is a summary of the changes in the capital assets and allowances for depreciation for the year ended December 31, 2005:

	Balance at January 1, 2005	Additions	<u>Deductions</u>	Balance at December 31, 2005
Land, buildings, equipment and infrastructure:				
Land and improvements	\$ 1,617			\$ 1,617
Buildings	793,534			793,534
Road equipment	5,080,004	\$ 305,134	\$ 255,944	5,129,194
Shop equipment	129,013	1,636		130,649
Yard and storage equipment	185,852			185,852
Office equipment	91,048	15,443	7,332	99,159
Depletable assets	68,757			68,757
Infrastructure	4,296,063	1,949,873	-	6,245,936
TOTAL LAND, BUILDINGS EQUIPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	\$ 10,645,888	\$ 2,272,086	\$ 263,276	\$ 12,654,698
Allowances for depreciation:				
Buildings	\$ 402,618	\$ 13,019		\$ 415,637
Road equipment	4,328,182	284,644	\$ 255,944	4,356,882
Shop equipment	116,023	2,205	Ψ 233,5 (1	118,228
Yard and storage equipment	154,714	15,276		169,990
Office equipment	65,552	7,234	7,332	65,454
Infrastructure	113,584	197,640	.,552	311,224
TOTAL ALLOWANCES				
FOR DEPRECIATION	\$ 5,180,673	\$ 520,018	<u>\$ 263,276</u>	\$ 5,437,415
NET CARRYING AMOUNT	\$ 5,465,215	\$ 1,752,068	\$ 0	\$ 7,217,283

Depreciation expense is charged to expense categories based on the usage of equipment for each of the categories. The Commission also records depreciation expense and a corresponding revenue of equal amount to facilitate in charging allocable amounts of depreciation to the proper categories.

NOTE F - RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Gogebic County Road Commission participates in the Gogebic County Employee Retirement System, a defined benefit pension plan administered by Gogebic County. The plan covers substantially all of its employees and its assets may be used only for the payment of benefits to the members of that plan, in accordance with the terms of the plan. Required schedules of funding progress and actuarial valuation information may be found in Note Q - Retirement System of the County's separately issued Audited Financial Statements.

All full-time employees are eligible to participate in the System. Employees who retire at or after age 55 with 30 years of credited service, or age 60 with 8 years of credited service, are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to total service years times 2.0% of final average compensation, except for one employee whose monthly benefit uses a 2.25% negotiated rate. Final average compensation is the employee's highest five consecutive years out of the last ten, except for employees with over 30 years of service whose final average compensation is the employee's highest three consecutive years out of the last five.

Benefits fully vest on reaching 8 years of service. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by State statute. Members not fully vested are required to contribute 3% of the first \$4,200 of annual compensation plus 5% of compensation in excess of \$4,200. The Road Commission makes all required payments for fully vested members. Members who were not fully vested contributed \$27,397 to the System during 2005. The Road Commission's contributions to the System for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2004 and 2005, were \$137,482, \$124,686 and \$161,100, respectively, in accordance with the contribution requirements determined by actuarial valuations of the plan.

NOTE G - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Road Commission is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Road Commission manages its risk by being a member of the Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool (MCRCSIP), a public entity risk pool providing general liability, auto, property and crime insurance coverage to its participating members and the County Road Association Self-Insurance Fund (CRASIF), a public entity risk pool providing workers' compensation coverage to its participating members. The Road Commission is sharing risks with other members of the pools and pays an annual premium to each pool for the following coverage:

Type of Coverage	Coverage	<u>Deductible</u>
General liability	\$10,500,000	\$1,000
Physical damage:		
Building Ordinance Coverage	1,000,000	500
Property in Transit	50,000	500
At Unnamed Locations	10,000	500
Crime	25,000	1,000
Workers' compensation	Statutory limits	0
Employment Practices and Public		
Officials Errors and Omissions	10,000,000	0

The pools provide this coverage to members by internally assuming risks and reinsuring risks through commercial companies. The MCRCSIP has reinsurance up to \$10,500,000 for each member per occurrence and the CRASIF has reinsurance up to \$10,000,000 and each has the authority to make additional assessments to the members.

The Road Commission's liabilities for its share of losses are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Liabilities can include an amount for claims that have been incurred but not reported. Because actual claims liabilities depend on such complex factors as inflation, changes in legal doctrines and damage awards, the process used in computing claims liability does not necessarily result in an exact amount. The Road Commission does not know the incurred but not reported claims, but estimates that the potential unpaid and unreported claims do not exceed the amount of assets in either risk pool available to pay claims.

The Road Commission carries commercial insurance for all other risks of loss, including employee health and accident insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

NOTE H - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

Road Commission employees are eligible to participate in a deferred compensation plan in addition to the normal retirement plan discussed in Note F above. The Plan was created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The Plan is available to substantially all full-time employees and permits employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Participation in the Plan is optional. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency. All amounts of compensation deferred under the Plan and all income attributable to those amounts, are (until paid or made available to the employee or other beneficiary) to be held in a trust for the exclusive benefit of Plan participants and their beneficiaries.

Investments are managed by the Plan's trustees under one of several investment options, or a combination thereof. The choice of the investment option(s) is made by the participants.

It has been determined that the Road Commission does not have any fiduciary responsibility regarding this Plan and, accordingly, has not reflected any of its assets or activities in its financial statements.

NOTE I – MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACT 621 OF 1978 DISCLOSURE

Michigan Public Act 621 of 1978 (MCL 141.421), as amended, provides that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amounts appropriated. During the year ended December 31, 2005, the Road Commission incurred expenditures in certain of its budgetary activities which were in excess of the amounts appropriated.

NOTE J - SINGLE AUDIT ACT

The Road Commission has expended over \$500,000 of federal financial assistance during the year ended December 31, 2005, and is included in Gogebic County, Michigan's county-wide single audit conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations*. As such, the required reporting is included in the County's separately issued Audited Financial Statements.

NOTE K - COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

A collective bargaining agreement covering approximately 80% of the Road Commission workforce expired on December 31, 2005.

NOTE L – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

In addition to the pension benefits described in Note F, the Road Commission pays health insurance costs of certain retirees until the retiree is eligible for Medicare benefits. Currently, the Road Commission has 8 employees who are receiving this benefit. The payments are recorded as current expenditures when paid and amounted to \$107,931 during the year ended December 31, 2005.

REQUIRED
SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

DECEMBER 31, 2005

	Original	Final	
	Budget	Budget	Actual
REVENUES			
Federal aid	\$ 565,000	\$ 599,000	\$ 629,060
State aid:	+,	4 233,000	Ψ 023,000
Motor Vehicle funds	2,579,000	2,517,110	2,533,671
State "D" funds	72,400	64,610	56,100
Forest Road funds	200,000	200,000	200,000
Driveway plowing	75,000	61,000	135,729
County raised and other revenues	<u>1,116,101</u>	1,235,945	1,257,910
TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,607,501	\$4,677,665	\$4,812,470
EXPENDITURES			
Primary roads	\$1,813,220	\$1,955,000	\$2,293,993
Local roads	1,582,986	1,325,000	1,586,434
Services provided:	, ,	, ,	-,,
State trunkline maintenance	680,000	745,500	731,957
State trunkline nonmaintenance	20,000	85,000	85,084
Driveway plowing	75,000	61,000	135,729
Equipment expense - net	(660,000)	(506,000)	(65,923)
Administrative expense - net	126,600	136,400	311,117
Distributive expenses	1,158,000	1,203,000	,
Capital outlay - net	220,000	287,000	(165)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,015,806	\$5,291,900	\$5,078,226
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ (408,305)	\$ (614,235)	\$ (265,756)
Fund balance at January 1, 2005	1,645,063	_1,645,063	1,645,063
FUND BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2005	<u>\$1,236,758</u>	\$1,030,828	\$1,379,307

OTHER
FINANCIAL
INFORMATION

ANALYSIS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Year ended December 31, 2005

	D.:	- T		
	Primary	Local	County Road	
	Road	Road	Commission	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Total
Total revenues	\$2,682,773	\$1,103,139	\$ 1,026,558	\$4,812,470
Total expenditures	2,572,451	1,587,971	917,804	5,078,226
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ 110,322	\$ (484,832)	\$ 108,754	\$ (265,756)
Other financing source (use) - optional transfers	(485,000)	485,000		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing source over expenditures and other				
financing use	\$ (374,678)	\$ 168	\$ 108,754	\$ (265,756)
Fund balance at January 1, 2005	1,033,555	516,239	95,269	1,645,063
FUND BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2005	\$ 658,877	\$ 516,407	\$ 204,023	<u>\$1,379,307</u>

ANALYSIS OF REVENUES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Year ended December 31, 2005

	Primary	Local	County Road	
	Road	Road	Commission	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Total
Federal Aid:				
Surface Transportation funds	\$ 284,673			\$ 284,673
Federal "D" funds	122,460			122,460
Emergency Relief funds	<u>221,927</u>			221,927
	\$ 629,060			\$ 629,060
State Aid:				
Michigan Transportation Fund:				
Engineering	\$ 7,000	\$ 3,000		\$ 10,000
Allocation	1,520,613	663,781		2,184,394
Urban road	36,099	7,068		43,167
Snow removal	121,405	<u>174,705</u>		296,110
	\$1,685,117	\$ 848,554		\$2,533,671
Economic Development Fund:				
State "D" funds	\$ 56,100			\$ 56,100
Forest Road funds	168,037	<u>\$ 31,963</u>		200,000
	\$ 224,137	\$ 31,963		\$ 256,100
	\$1,909,254	\$ 880,517		\$2,789,771
County raised and other revenues:				
Contributions from:				
Cities		\$ 5,492		\$ 5,492
Townships	\$ 117,667	202,804		320,471
Charges for services:			e 774.00 <i>C</i>	774 006
State trunkline maintenance State trunkline nonmaintenance			\$ 774,906	774,906
Private driveway plowing			85,084 135,729	85,084 135,729
Other		944	3,601	4,545
Interest and dividends earned		プ サイ	24,768	24,768
Gain on asset disposals	26,792	13,382	2,470	42,644
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	<u>\$ 144,459</u>	\$ 222,622	\$1,026,558	\$1,393,639
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$2,682,773</u>	\$1,103,139	<u>\$1,026,558</u>	<u>\$4,812,470</u>

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Year ended December 31, 2005

	Primary Road	Local Road	County Road Commission	_
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Total
Primary road:				
Preservation - stuctural improvements	\$ 1,351,262			\$ 1,351,262
Maintenance	938,340			938,340
Primary road structures -				4.201
maintenance	4,391			4,391
	\$ 2,293,993			\$ 2,293,993
Local road:		\$ 563,556		\$ 563,556
Preservation - stuctural improvements Maintenance		972,052		972,052
Local road structures:		772,032		<i>y</i> , 2,032
Preservation - stuctural improvements		35,055		35,055
Maintenance		15,771		15,771
		\$ 1,586,434		\$ 1,586,434
Services provided:			. 	A 721.057
State trunkline maintenance			\$ 731,957	\$ 731,957
State trunkline nonmaintenance			85,084 135,7 <u>29</u>	85,084 135,729
Private driveway plowing			133,729	133,729
			\$ 952,770	\$ 952,770
Equipment expense - net	(25,135)	(24,491)	(16,297)	(65,923)
Administrative expenses - net	183,923	127,194		311,117
Capital outlay - net	119,670	(101,166)	(18,669)	(165)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,572,451	\$ 1,587,97 <u>1</u>	\$ 917,804	\$ 5,078,226

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Members of the Board of Commissioners Gogebic County Road Commission Bessemer, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of Gogebic County Road Commission, a component unit of Gogebic County, Michigan, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2005, which collectively comprise the Gogebic County Road Commission's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 20, 2006. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Gogebic County Road Commission's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting.

However, we noted a certain matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect Gogebic County Road Commission's ability to initiate, record, process and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. The reportable condition is described below as 05-1.

05-1 Michigan Public Act 621 of 1978

Michigan Public Act 621 of 1978, as amended, provides that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amounts appropriated. During the year ended December 31, 2005, the Road Commission incurred expenditures in certain of its budgetary activities which were in excess of amounts appropriated.

We recommend that the Road Commission review the requirements of Michigan Public Act 621 of 1978, amend its budget in accordance therewith in the future and require conformity to the Act. Road Commission management agrees and will take necessary steps to comply with the Act in the future.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe the reportable condition described above is not a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Gogebic County Road Commission's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information of the Board, management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Joki, Makela & Pollack, PLLC

Certified Public Accountants

Ironwood, Michigan June 20, 2006